



Press Release

Global Finance Names The World's 50 Safest Banks 2019

NEW YORK, September 17, 2019 — *Global Finance* has announced its 28th annual ranking of the World's 50 Safest Banks. The full list is included here and will be published in the November issue.

European banks dominate the top of the World's Safest Banks again in 2019, taking the first ten positions and 17 of the top 25. Germany's KfW is in the top spot for the ninth year in a row.

Asian banks put in a strong showing in the top 20 once again, led by Singapore's DBS Bank at #14 and followed by OCBC (#15), United Overseas Bank (#17), Korea Development Bank (#18) and Export-Import Bank of Korea (#19).

"We designed the Global Finance Safest Banks rankings as a tool to compare the stability and security of banks all across the world. This year, changing trade policies are having a dramatic impact on economies everywhere, as is continuing political turmoil. We take pride in offering this metric to aid readers in choosing financial institutions, especially when they seek to enter new markets," says *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

Global Finance's annual ranking of the World's 50 Safest Banks has been the recognized and trusted standard of financial counterparty safety for a quarter-century. Winners were selected through an evaluation of long-term foreign currency ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch—of the 500 largest banks worldwide.

In addition to the World's 50 Safest Banks, the full report also includes the following: World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks, Safest Banks by Country, 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets, Safest Islamic Financial Institutions in the GCC, and Safest Banks by Region (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Western Europe).

The full results of this exclusive survey will be published in the November issue of *Global Finance*. The top ten safest banks will be presented awards at a special ceremony to be held during the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington DC at the National Press Club on October 19.

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About Global Finance

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1	KfW*	GERMANY
2	Zuercher Kantonalbank*	SWITZERLAND
3	BNG Bank*	NETHERLANDS
4	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank*	GERMANY
5	L-Bank*	GERMANY
6	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank*	NETHERLANDS
7	Kommunalbanken*	NORWAY
8	NRW.BANK*	GERMANY
9	Swedish Export Credit Corp.*	SWEDEN
10	Caisse Des Depots et Consignations*	FRANCE
11	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de L'Etat	LUXEMBOURG
12	Royal Bank of Canada	CANADA
13	TD Bank	CANADA
14	DZ BANK	GERMANY
15	DBS Bank	SINGAPORE
16	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	SINGAPORE
17	Svenska Handelsbanken	SWEDEN
18	United Overseas Bank	SINGAPORE
19	Korea Development Bank	SOUTH KOREA
20	The Export-Import Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
21	Deutsche Apotheker- und Aerztebank	GERMANY
22	Banque Cantonale Vaudoise	SWITZERLAND
23	Industrial Bank of Korea	SOUTH KOREA
24	Swedbank	SWEDEN
25	DNB Bank	NORWAY

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*The World's Top Ten Safest Banks will be invited to *Global Finance's* Best Bank Awards ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington DC on October 19 during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings. For more information on the awards and/or ceremony please contact: Michael Ambrosio, email: mambrosio@gfmag.com.



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26	SFIL	FRANCE
27	Banque Pictet & Cie	SWITZERLAND
28	The Bank of Nova Scotia	CANADA
29	ANZ Group	AUSTRALIA
30	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	AUSTRALIA
31	Nordea Bank	FINLAND
32	Westpac	AUSTRALIA
33	Bank of Montreal	CANADA
34	National Australia Bank	AUSTRALIA
35	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CANADA
36	SEB	SWEDEN
37	HSBC France	FRANCE
38	First Abu Dhabi Bank	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
39	Hang Seng Bank	HONG KONG
40	Federation des caisses Desjardins	CANADA
41	AgriBank	UNITED STATES
42	Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (Sparkassen)	GERMANY
43	UBS	SWITZERLAND
44	Rabobank	NETHERLANDS
45	CoBank	UNITED STATES
46	National Bank of Kuwait	KUWAIT
47	OP Corporate Bank	FINLAND
48	AgFirst	UNITED STATES
49	Farm Credit Bank of Texas	UNITED STATES
50	BNP Paribas	FRANCE